



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Policy Perspective on Tanzania

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in West Africa, exemplified by Tanzania, is characterized by diverse religious practices and beliefs coexisting within a single society. This study employs qualitative research methods including interviews with religious leaders, surveys of community members, and document analysis of government policies related to religion. The data is analysed using thematic content analysis. A key finding indicates that inter-faith dialogue committees have been effective in mediating conflicts between Muslim and Christian communities during significant cultural events such as Eid al-Fitr and Christmas celebrations, resulting in increased communal cohesion (50% of respondents reported improved relations). Policy recommendations focus on strengthening existing inter-faith dialogues, promoting religious literacy programmes for youth, and ensuring equitable access to resources across different faith communities. Develop a comprehensive inter-religious conflict resolution framework, integrate religious education into the national curriculum, and allocate government funds for community-led initiatives that support interfaith understanding and cooperation.

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